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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A television program profile interface having a multiplicity of axes, including:

a television viewer profile represented by weighted viewer preferences that proportionately change with respect to at least one axis of a-the multiplicity of axes, wherein the at least one of the multiplicity of axes has an altering mechanism allowing a value associated with a position on that-the at least one axis to be changed along the at least one axis, and the television viewer profile weighted viewer preferences have an activation mechanism that allows for viewer selection and manipulation of the television viewer profile weighted viewer preferences.

2. (Original) The television program profile interface in

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accordance with Claim 1, wherein one of said axes comprises time.

3.(Original) The television program profile interface in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said weighted viewer preferences are represented by bar graphs.

4.(Original) The television program profile interface in accordance with Claim 2, wherein said weighted viewer preferences are represented by bar graphs.

5.(Previously Presented) The television program profile interface in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each of said weighted viewer preferences is individually viewer modifiable.

6.(Currently Amended) The television program profile interface in accordance with Claim 1, further comprising means for viewer interaction to alter a topic selection presented by the television viewer profile to provide said weighted viewer preferences sorted by a selected topic.

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7. (Currently Amended) An interactive, television program profile interface, including:

television viewer profile represented by weighted viewer preferences in graphical form including a plurality of bar graphs, wherein the bar graphs change with respect to at least one axis of a multiplicity of axes, and wherein the at least one ~~of the multiplicity of axes have~~ axis has an altering mechanism allowing a value associated with a position on that ~~the~~ at least one axis to be changed along the at least one axis, said bar graphs being coupled to an access mechanism that allows for viewer selection and altering of weighted viewer preferences.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The interactive, television program profile interface in accordance with ~~Claim 8~~ Claim 7, wherein one of said multiplicity of axes comprises a time axis.

10. (Original) The interactive, television program profile interface in accordance with Claim 9, wherein said weighted viewer

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preferences are proportionately changeable with respect to said time axis.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of using a television viewer profile interface, including the ~~steps~~ acts of:

a) providing a television viewer profile that presents a list of weighted view preferences that change proportionally with time; and

b) modifying said television viewer profile via an access mechanism that allows a viewer traversing of a time axis.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of using a television viewer profile interface, including the ~~steps~~ acts of:

a) providing a television viewer profile that presents a list of weighted view preferences along an axis, said weighted view preferences changing ~~that change proportionally with time~~; and

b) modifying said television viewer profile by viewer interaction via an access mechanism that allows viewer selection and alteration of the television viewer profile by traversing along said axis.

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13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 12 wherein the step-act of modifying further comprises the access mechanism providing a selection device that allows selection from one of a plurality of weighted viewer preferences within the television viewer profile.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13 wherein the step-act of modifying further comprises the access mechanism providing an altering device that allows altering of a selected one of the plurality of weighted viewer preferences within the television viewer profile.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 14 wherein the step-act of modifying further comprises moving the selected one of the plurality of weighted viewer preferences within the television viewer profile along an said axis.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11 wherein the step-act of modifying further comprises the access mechanism

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providing a selection device that allows selection from one of a plurality of weighted viewer preferences within the television viewer profile.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 16 wherein the ~~step-act of~~ modifying further comprises the access mechanism providing an altering device that allows altering of a selected one of the plurality of weighted viewer preferences within the television viewer profile.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 17 wherein the ~~step-act of~~ modifying further comprises moving the selected one of the plurality of weighted viewer preferences within the television viewer profile along an ~~said~~ axis.

19. (Currently Amended) The interactive television program profile interface of Claim 7 wherein the access mechanism ~~altering of-alters~~ selected weighted viewer preferences by moving the selected weighted viewer preferences along an ~~the at least one~~ axis.

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20. (Currently Amended) The television program profile interface of Claim 1 ~~further comprising wherein~~ the activation mechanism ~~allowing~~ is configured to allow viewer manipulation of selected weighted viewer preferences by moving the selected weighted viewer preferences along ~~an~~ the at least one axis.